

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 631

By: Smith, Rabon and Reynolds
of the Senate

and

Peters of the House

An Act relating to crimes and punishments; prohibiting certain abuse or exploitation of vulnerable adult; stating penalty; prohibiting neglect of vulnerable adult by persons with certain responsibilities; stating penalty; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 843.3 of Title 21, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Any person who engages in abuse, sexual abuse, or exploitation of a vulnerable adult, as defined in Section 10-103 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes, shall be fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or be imprisoned not more than eighteen (18) months, or both such fine and imprisonment.

B. Any person who has a responsibility to care for a vulnerable adult who purposely, knowingly or recklessly neglects the vulnerable adult as defined in Section 10-103 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or be imprisoned for not more than eighteen (18) months, or both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2003.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 30th day of April, 2003.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 16th day of April, 2003.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives